A reminder that:
- Year 6 into Year 7 Information Night is Monday 13 October
- Year 7 into Year 8 Information Night is Tuesday 14 October

Flying Start
Year 7 students will herald the start of a new beginning for Queensland education when they become the first group to start high school in 2015. Pimlico has been preparing for our Year 7 students in far more ways than building a new teaching and learning block. Teachers have been developing an understanding of the adolescent brain and how younger students learn best, and, as such, teachers have enhanced their teaching repertoires through a range of workshops run by their peers.

Our Junior Secondary philosophy is one of building on the knowledge and skills developed in primary school and creating life-long learners who are equipped with the skills for an ever changing and complex society. Several of our teachers are visiting primary school classrooms to work with Year 6 and 7 teachers to enhance their skill sets in preparation for Year 7 into high school. Pimlico is ready to take the next step in education to ensure that every student succeeds.

Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test

All OP eligible Year 12 students sat their QCS test on 2 and 3 September which will be used to determine their OP score at the end of the year. Pimlico teachers have been working with the Year 12 students from the beginning of the school year to ensure they were well prepared for the two days of testing.

The QCS test consists of 4 tests used to assess what is known as Common Curriculum Elements (CCEs) that are embedded within senior subjects. The test consists of a Writing task, Short Response style questions and two Multiple Choice papers. We have been doing extensive work in mapping the CCEs across all subjects and all year levels to ensure students have multiple opportunities to develop the skills in a range of scenarios.

Pimlico SHS achieved very pleasing results in this year’s NAPLAN testing for year 9 students. Our sharp focus was in developing comprehension skills as part of our reading strategy. Our year 9 cohort’s average exceeded the national average in several areas. The table below explains our successes. Congratulations to all our students involved. Great results for Pimlico.

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NAPLAN Results

Become a host family for an International student.

Our school is seeking Homestay families to join our successful International Program.

REQUIREMENTS:
- Supportive family environment
- Caring English speaking family
- Individual furnished bedroom
- All meals for student
- Access to internet
- Easy access to Pimlico State High School
- Willingness to show the student a variety of Townsville sights
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Homestay families receive the benefit of learning about another culture in the comfort of your own home as well as fortnightly tax free payments of $212 per week.

For further information, please contact:
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lobri78@eq.edu.au

Amanda Maynard
HOD Student Development Yr9/Support/International Programs
4759 3444 (school hours)
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CRICOS Provider 00608A

We are looking for families with no pets for 2015
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General Information

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note the uniform shop will be closed for stocktake from Wednesday 17 September – Friday 19 September. Will re-open on Tuesday 7 October.

Thank you

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME PAYMENTS

Payments for the Student Resource Scheme are now overdue (unless you have a payment plan in place). If you don’t wish to participate in the scheme please return the form indicating this and you will then be invoiced separately for all relevant subject charges and associated costs and are required to source and purchase the textbooks that are required.

If you have made a payment and not returned the form can you please return this form to the General Office or via email to accounts@pimlicoshs.eq.edu.au. Forms are available on the school website.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME PAYMENT

BY INSTALMENT

If you have been paying your student resource scheme payments by instalment, you need to complete payment by 19 September 2014.

STUDENTS LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

When a student becomes ill during the school day and needs to go home, he/she must report to the General Office so that contact may be made with the authorised parent/guardian. Problems have arisen when a student has contacted someone on their mobile phone during school time without authorisation, and the child has left the school grounds without the knowledge of the Administration. To ensure that the interests of the students are attended to and that all absences are accounted for, students must follow the advertised procedure of going to the General Office when they need to go home.

Change of Students

Personal Details

Please inform the school office in writing of changes or corrections of addresses (including mailing address), telephone numbers and names of emergency contacts. It is very important that we have these correct details in the event of an emergency.

School NEWSLETTER goes ELECTRONIC!

eNEWSLETTER

From 2015 the school newsletter will go electronic only. A printed newsletter will be available to those without Internet access.

eNews is an electronic version of our printed newsletter that is personally delivered directly to your email inbox via the Internet. To sign up for our eNewsletter please type in the link below into the address bar of your browser.


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This eNews service is provided by Australian Newsletter Services who supply our newsletter covers.

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PAYMENT DUE NOW

PAYMENT REQUIRED

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The Queensland Government is undertaking extensive consultation with parents, schools, unions and schooling sectors to map out the future of education and create Queensland’s first Education Accord. It is part of ‘The Queensland Plan’, which outlines the state’s shared vision for the next 30 years, identifying local and state-wide priorities. I’ve been asked by Hon John Hathaway MP to be the parent representative for Townsville to attend the Queensland Education Accord Summit in Brisbane on 25 October which is a great honour. Obviously there is still a lot of preparation to be done but I would like to make sure that I’m representing the parents of Townsville as best as I can. There are seven main questions that will be covered at the Education Accord and I would like to hear your feedback on these questions please:

- How do we ensure that all young Queenslanders have access to an affordable, high-quality education, regardless of their circumstances? In particular, how do we ensure young people in rural and remote locations have access to world-class educational opportunities that build on the strengths and potential of our regions?
- How do we ensure that schools equip students with the skills, knowledge, aptitudes and values they need to thrive in a globalised 21st century world?
- How do we assure and improve the quality of teaching and learning in our schools? How do we attract, retain and develop the very best teachers and school leaders?
- How do we support young Queenslanders in making a successful transition from home or early childhood education and care to school, and from school to further education, training and employment?
- How can we develop greater engagement and partnerships between schools and their communities (including parents and carers, other education and training providers, local government and community organisations, businesses and industry)?
- What qualities do we – as parents, educators, business leaders and community members – expect young Queenslanders will gain from their school education?
- How do we support young Queenslanders in identifying local and state-wide priorities.

We also discussed:
- The Parental Engagement in School Survey
- Survey data collected by Year 8 students on cycling to school
- World Teachers’ Day on Friday 31 October
- Queensland Government Community Road Safety Grants and the fact that there is basically no provision for the extra traffic generated by the new Year 7 building and the extra students at the school next year – look at options again
- What to do with the school rowing boat and other equipment
- ‘Red’ food & fundraisers
- New equipment for the tuckshop from the DETE grant money
- Visit to the school from Japanese school wanting to send students for two weeks next year

Come along to the next meeting. Joining the P&C Association is a great way to contribute to the quality education of your children, to gain a clear understanding of how the school operates and to make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or as small as you like.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 September at 7:30pm in the Conference Room upstairs in A Block. This is the room opposite the counter of the General Office.

May I extend a general invitation to all parents, carers and ex-Pimlico students to please come along with your suggestions, and bring a friend too. We look forward to seeing you. A light supper is also served. Please contact our secretary John de Rooy with any suggestions for the agenda – pandc@pimlicoshs.eq.edu.au.

Wishing you all success,
Neil Carter
P&C President
0420 720 197
pandc@pimlicoshs.eq.edu.au

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At the last P&C meeting, we had a very special presentation by Glenn Edwards on the Study Tour which went to South Africa during the winter vacation. He showed us photographs from the tour and told us some great stories. Especially noticeable was the impressive positive attitude of the people everywhere despite the poverty and challenging living conditions. The group visited many parts of South Africa including war cemeteries for mostly since forgotten battles involving Australian soldiers in the Boer War, WWI and WWII. The group ran workshops for a day at the Soweto Community Centre, where they also made a donation of $2,500 from fundraising held prior to the trip. Apart from the gift of the presentation, he also gave us all a small beautiful locally handmade gift. Thanks Glenn. The 2015 study tour is to Gallipoli and Crete.

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**P&C Meeting**

**Tuesday 9 September**

@ 7:30 pm

**In A Block Conference Room**
On 4 August 2014 the Junior Student Council represented Pimlico State High School at the 100th Anniversary of the Commencement of World War I. The RSL members invited our school to attend as they are interested in encouraging the younger generation to take part in remembrance services. The service was a simple and respectful wreath-laying event at the Cenotaph, Anzac Park to commemorate those involved in World War I. The Year 9 Junior School Captains, Damon and Vipra laid a wreath at the base of the cenotaph and then re-joined the following Junior School Council members; Grace, Andrew, Jackie, Mikayla, Chelsea, Janaya, Amy and Isobel to pay our respects.

Grace Year 9 Community Captain

Parents Have Much Farther Reaching Effects Than They Know

We were pretty good at keeping computers and televisions out of bedrooms, but as technology developed we somehow missed that phones and tablets ARE computers. Parents may sometimes feel out of control. The majority of families own a collection of iPads, iPods, other tablets, an Xbox, a Wii, a DS, iPhones and more…

Most parents wonder if their limit setting is actually worth it as they regularly have to remind children of the boundaries with technology.

Be encouraged, it IS worth it.

A study with over 1,300 families in the US indicated some powerful benefits for children when parents set healthy limits on entertainment screen time (TV and video games) and limits of the type of content viewed. Some effects are seen more immediately and others over time.

(Please keep in mind that ‘limiting’ does not mean banning all technology or taking everything away – it indicates a healthy balance and an inclusion of many other actives, such as sport, drama, kicking a ball, going shopping, chatting over dinner…)

Two immediate effects of placing limits on media (which seem obvious but are great to see):

- Those children spent less time on TV and video games
- Those children saw less violent media content

However, it is the long-term effects that surprised the researchers the most. Children whose parents set more limits on the amount of time spent with media 7 months before:

1. were now getting more sleep
2. were getting better grades in school
3. had an indirectly positive change in Body Mass (as children were simply moving around more)

Additionally, parents limiting children’s content exposure (to violent media) 7 months before resulted in:

1. increased pro-social behaviour – exhibiting more helpful and cooperative pro-social behaviours at school
2. less aggressive behaviour toward their peers

Adapted from GenerationNext.com.au
SCARTWATER EDUCATION TRUST and SCARTWATER AND CUNNINGHAM SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are awarded to the children and grandchildren of eligible returned service men and women who had overseas wartime service with the Australian armed forces. Immediately prior to enlistment, the residential address must have been between Proserpine and Innisfail and back to the Western border, or Returned Servicemen and women who have permanently resided in the Scartwater area for not less than 15 year. Eligible students in year 10 may apply for the scholarship which assists financially during years 11 and 12. Eligible year 12 students may apply for tertiary scholarships valued at approximately $2000pa. The closing date is November 30, 1214. Further inquiries and copies of the application can be made at the Townsville RSL Inc. on 47599511.

Applications are invited for the 2014 BID O’SULLIVAN TEACHING SCHOLARSHIPS, from year 12 students who live in rural and remote areas of Queensland, including Townsville. Successful applicants will receive a scholarship towards their study for an Education degree at a recognised Queensland University.

The PEARL DUNCAN TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP honours the first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslander to receive qualification in teaching, Ms Pearl Duncan. Email Julie Christensen at julie.christensen@ deta.qld.gov.au or telephone 32370670.

QUT has a broad range of scholarships to reward and support students. Some include the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship Program; Academic; Elite Athlete; Creative Industries and College of Excellence Scholarships, as well as low-income scholarships; Equity Computer Scheme and Indigenous Commonwealth scholarships. Many faculty scholarships are also available. As application deadlines and procedures differ for each scholarship, it’s best to visit www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-scholarships

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND also has a broad range of scholarships on offer, with many having a closing date for application is end October, 2014. Visit www.usq.edu.au/degrees phone 1800269500 or email study@usq.edu.au

SCHOLARSHIPS IN AGRIBUSINESS, AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND SCIENCE at UQ are available with applications closing end of October 2014. Visit www.science.uq.edu.au/agscholarship

SUPPORTING WOMEN’S SCHOLARSHIPS are scholarships up to $20,000 for Queensland women to pursue study or training leading to careers in traditionally male-dominated industries, particularly agricultural and environmental studies, architecture and building, engineering, earth sciences and information technology. Applications are now open until 10 October, 2014 and are invited from women of all ages and backgrounds for study commencing in the 2015 academic year. For further information visit the website: www.supportingwomen.qld.gov.au or phone 1800 177 577.

SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATION SCHEMES (SRS) FOR ADMISSION TO TERTIARY COURSES IN NSW is one way NSW institutions make early offers to current Australian Year 12 students who have applied for undergraduate admissions through UAC (similar to QTAC). SRS aim to facilitate access to higher education for current Australian Year 12 students who might otherwise not be offered a place. SRS applications are assessed centrally at UAC, using school recommendations and non-year 12 academic achievements. Applications close 30 September. See the Guidance Officer ASAP if interested.

Debating

Congratulations to Year 10 students Mikaela, Brodie, and Tala who won against Saint Margaret Mary's(SMMC) in the quarter finals of junior debating. They were the affirmative team for the topic: “That privacy is not as important as security.”

Year 12 students Brendan, Courteney, Mary, supported by Chairperson Kaminee sadly went down by an incredibly close margin to Townsville Grammar on Wednesday, August 21, debating the affirmative side of “That the benefits of tourism outweigh the costs.”
Bon Appétit!

Year 8 French Degustation

During Term Three, Year 8 French students participated in a degustation of French food and a culinary and cultural discovery. On offer for degustation were baguettes – sourdough and traditional, four types of cheese, Dijon mustard (for the courageous), a warm croissant with optional French jam and finally, the pièce de résistance, a French chocolate cake with fruit.

Food Language Trivia – Did you know … ?

Have you been to a restaurant and seen soupe du jour or even plat du jour on the menu?

- **soupe du jour** – soup of the day
- **plat du jour** – dish of the day, normally a main meal

In French they mean that the dishes are freshly prepared or available only on that day.

Many restaurants are promoted as à la carte which really means that you order from an extensive menu selection. Some head chefs in Australia will explain à la carte as meals being prepared especially for you from the menu, i.e. these meals are not already prepared. (le chef - boss or chef in French)

Japanese Interschool Talent Show 2014

Recently Japanese students from Pimlico and Townsville State High school performed in a Japanese Talent Show. The show was held in the Languages theatre at Town High and members of the audience included students, friends, parents and Japanese exchange students and their teachers. The Pimlico students performed admirably on a diverse range of topics and impressed the audience with their enthusiasm, knowledge and talent!

Lillian, Year 10, performed a summary of Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet in Japanese and English. She translated this herself to the delight of the Japanese teachers. Sarah Evans, Year 8 performed the poem Omusubi Kororin. Brielle, Year 8, performed a rap of the Japanese syllabry (alphabet) and with Sarah as her back up, engaged the audience to participate. Gauvan, Year 8, sang a karaoke duet. Afterwards, the students joined in with the popular Japanese children’s song “Oni no pantsu” or “The devil’s pants”. Plans are now underway to have an interschool karaoke evening in Term 4!

To sum up the evening, Brielle said it was “Awesome!” or in Japanese, “Sugee!” and students are encouraged to begin practice for the karaoke evening in Term 4!
Townsville and District Annual Japanese Speech Competition 2014

In mid-August, Japanese students from the Burdekin, Charters Towers and Townsville assembled to present in the Japanese Speech Competition. Pimlico SHS had representation from Years 8-11. Each student was a credit to the school and are to be commended for their endeavours in preparing and presenting a speech in Japanese. The students’ strength of character was mentioned a number of times throughout the day especially in showing fortitude in presenting to a panel of native Japanese speakers.

Year 8
Kelsey and Sarah both performed strongly in the largest section of the competition. Their previous public speaking experience helped them to present confidently and they were able to aptly deliver their performance. We look forward to nurturing the girls’ abilities and watch them progress into confident young women.

Year 10
Lillian and Ingrid competed in the Year 10 section with Ingrid placing third. Lillian was rated highly on her originality and presentation organisation while Ingrid ranked strongly with her fluency and presentation delivery. Both girls were entertaining with effective use of pace and clarity.

Year 11
Georgia and Shania are both seasoned competitors with approximately 10 years of combined Japanese speech competitions between them! Placings were very close with the girls receiving fourth & fifth place. Only two points separated third and fifth places. Both girls spoke with beautiful poise and eloquence and received personal comments from members of the judging panel who complimented them on their fluency.

Well done to all the participants on their speech preparation and delivery. The Townsville & District Annual Japanese Speech Competition has been running for 25 years. It continues to provide a platform for students to demonstrate and extend their language skills in an atmosphere of friendly competition. It also allows students to gain both confidence and experience in expressing and communicating their own ideas in a target language in a public speaking context.

University Bonus Rank Schemes for students who have passed a Senior Language

Some Australian universities are giving high school students new incentives to learn languages.

The University of Queensland, QUT and Griffith University, for example, offer a Rank Bonus Scheme that allows students a chance to improve their university entrance scores. On the 1-99 university rank scale, to which all Australian Year 12 results can be converted, students may receive 2 bonus points for passing a Senior Language. Other universities in southern Queensland also offer this incentive. The universities’ websites provide full details of their schemes.

The following QTAC site contains information as well.

http://www.qtac.edu.au/Applying-SAS/Year12Bonus.html

Many Group of Eight Universities offer a variety of Bonus Points Schemes for students who have passed a Senior Language. They include University of Melbourne, Monash University, the University of Adelaide and the University of Western Australia. Visit their websites for details.
On our recent Study Tour to South Africa we had the opportunity to visit the Soweto Kliptown Youth (SKY) Foundation in Soweto. Kliptown is one of the oldest townships in Soweto. In this community, there is no school, electricity, proper sanitation, clinic or recreational facilities for youth. The SKY Foundation is a dedicated centre to assist some of the most neglected children in South Africa. It is a non-profit organization which includes a youth centre which aims to serve the mental and physical needs of the youth of Kliptown.

It runs a number of programs which focus on the performing arts, art, reading, life skills classes, empowerment classes and sports programs.

We were fortunate to spend some time at SKY and meet the wonderful kids who have benefited by the programs run at the centre. We were overwhelmed by their warm welcome and the performances that they put on for us. The thing that impacted on us was the genuine warmth and friendship the kids showed despite the hardships they face every day. The kids at SKY have pride, energy, and talent which they happily shared with us. When we left SKY we did not feel sorry for them but rather had respect for their positive attitude and commitment to their education.

We were able to show our support for SKY by making a donation of $1500 and also donating a large quantity of school supplies including stationery, maths sets, calculators, reading books and dictionaries.

As part of all of our Study Tours we endeavour to visit and support charities which assist children of the countries we visit. We do this by undertaking a number of fundraising activities including our ANZAC Day BBQ and regular Bunnings BBQs.

We will continue to support the SKY Foundation into the future by making an annual donation to SKY’s School Support program which provides assistance to the students for their school fees, school uniform and stationery. This program focusses on children who are doing well in their studies and have good attendance. Our continued support for SKY supports SKY’s belief that education is the key in everything.

If you would also like to support SKY then either email:
- Glenn Edwards at gedwa31@eq.edu.au
- TK (Ntokozo Dube), SKY Youth Worker at tktours.dube13@gmail.com
- Bob Nameng SKY Founder at bobnameng.skyfoundation@gmail.com
Our Visit to the SKY Kliptown Foundation

During August, eight students from Pimlico together with around 60 students from eight other schools in the Townsville/Burdekin region attended the Queensland Association of Maths Teachers (QAMT) camp on Magnetic Island. The camp aims to encourage students’ problem solving skills as they work in mixed school teams on activities such as the Maths relay, Amazing Race, Swiss competition and orienteering challenge. The competition ran for 2 and a half days where each and every point was hotly contested.

The students also had a very timely visit from JCU staff who showcased the benefits of studying physics in Years 11 and 12 with some very ingenious and hands on activities and many students took the opportunity to chat to the JCU staff afterwards.

Free time was used to kick a soccer ball and play tennis; and work off the never ending camp food. Tuesday morning saw the awarding of camp certificates, tally of final team points and distribution of prizes for various events.

Thanks goes to the QAMT and APEX staff that organised the camp, the teachers from each of the eight schools who ran the activities, JCU Science Faculty for their presentation and a big thanks to the Pimlico students for their professional behaviour.

Ms Rhonda Scoccimarro
Congratulations to Orpheus Chamber Strings who represented the region in the Fanfare State Finals in August. They made it through to the top five, performing at the Fanfare Grand Finals on Friday 8 August at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Although they didn’t bring the trophy home, this time, they certainly won the hearts of the audience with a very entertaining and musical performance.

A big thank you to the following businesses who kindly contributed funds to help bring the costs down: Townsville RSL, Mundingburra Rotary, Georgio Clothing, BJ Carey and Company Pty Ltd Accountants, McDonnells Law, McDonald Leong Lawyers, Mayor's Community Assistance Fund, Pimlico Music Support Group, and Pimlico P&C.

Orpheus Chamber Strings also performed at Brisbane Parliament House in the Old Upper House, which provided beautiful and ideal acoustics for the group. A very big thank you to Hon John Hathaway MP for making the performance opportunity possible. The students were hosted on a tour of the building followed by a delicious lunch.

“Lost for Ideas”

“Lost for Ideas” is one of Pimlico’s school bands with members Rohan, Riley, Tim and Finn. They just took out first place at the JCU Battle of the Bands competition consisting of high school and uni bands. As part of their prize they each won a $100 gift voucher at Arties Music Store, a photo shoot, an interview with Mix FM and a day in the JCU recording studio. Congratulations boys! Keep us posted on the release of your next album!

### Upcoming Events

**Term 3:**
- **Week 9:** Townsville Eisteddfod – various ensembles throughout the week.
- **Week 10:** Thursday 18 September - Primary School Concert – 9:45am and 11:30am PIMPAC

**Term 4:**
- **Week 4:** Friday 31 October – “Symphony Benefit Concert” - Sir George Kneipp Theatre, JCU, 7:30pm

**Write About Art**

Congratulations to Year 12 Visual Art student Mikayla, who is one of 24 students from across Queensland who have been selected for their outstanding critical writing skills to participate in this year’s Write About Art.

Write about Art is a critical visual and media arts writing development program for senior Queensland students from state and non-state high schools. The successful students will be flown to Brisbane in September to attend a one day intensive workshop at QAGOMA. Here they will have a unique opportunity to work with established industry mentors to hone their writing skills and produce high quality work for publication in Eyeline Magazine.

Pimlico’s four submissions into this year’s Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art are works by Year 11 student Adelle and Year 12 students Josh, Ted and Tracey. Their artworks will be part of the North QLD Regional Exhibition at Pinnacles Gallery, which recognises and promotes excellence in senior visual art education throughout state and non-state schools in the region.

ArtNOW is an exhibition held in conjunction with Creative Generation at Pinnacles Gallery, and also showcases artworks by senior students throughout the region. This year, featured works from Pimlico SHS are by Year 11 students Paris, Brooke, Pyu San, Tamara, Karina, and Year 12 students Claire-Marie and Tyler.

Congratulations to all of these students for their outstanding artworks. The combined exhibition will be on display from 23 August to 14 September at Pinnacles Gallery, Riverway Arts Centre.
Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art

ArtNOW
Huge congratulations to all students who attended the two day Inter-school Athletics Carnival at the Sports Reserve on August 20 and 21. Pimlico spirit was on show with a number of students filling in for injured or sick athletics. Our girls team were overall champions, with the boys placing fourth.

Outstanding individual performances gained the following Pimlico students selection into the Townsville Athlete’s team to attend North Queensland trials on Friday September 5. Ayoka, Elena, Jacalyn, Chelsea, Mikayla, Maddison, Portia, Emily, Lilloydala, Logan, Carly, Abbey, Kimberly, Sarah, Britany, Kaitlin, Sophia, Rita, Tangiora, Erin, Maeve, Oscar, Sam, Lucas, Cody, Alec, Mark, Johnathan, Atiq, Harrison, Crusoe, David, Jonathan, Josh, Jamie.

Thank you Mrs Marsden, Mr Di Bella and Mr Searle for managing the team on the day and hours of lunchtime training along with Giaco and the PE team.

Thank you Maria James for photos from the day.
This year, seventeen SEP students from Pimlico SHS participated in the 20th anniversary of the Challenge Games. The two day event certainly challenged students in a variety of sporting activities that ranged from shot put and sprinting to soccer and sitting volleyball. The activities were fun-based and gave students many opportunities to personally test themselves and their abilities. The first day began with a parade of school colours and a march past, complete with a stirring rendition of the Australian National Anthem by twelve year old, Phoebe. Dignitaries were aplenty and students were given the opportunity to watch Para-Olympian Wheelchair Sprinter, Matthew Cameron, in action around the red track. We saw ribbons flowing and records broken. The event was all about participation and making friends from our own school as well as the many other schools from the region. Wednesday night gave students an opportunity to build on those new friendships and dance the night away at the Holy Spirit School Hall disco. Ben Pease collected our trophy on behalf of the school and presented it to Mr Stewart upon our return to school. A thank you is extended to Mrs Alloway and Mrs Smith for their continued support of the event.

TOWNSVILLE SCHOOLS CYCLING CUP

On Thursday 28 August, students from PSHS participated in the inaugural Townsville School Cycling Cup run by the Townsville Cycle Club. The event was held at the Townsville Go Kart Track and include a 1 lap time trial and an age group race. Kristian (Year 12) won the U19 age group and placed third overall in the time trial event. Year 9 student Aiden also placed well in his age division, with both boys’ results contributing to PSHS placing fourth overall on the day. This was the first time these students have participated in formal cycle racing and both enjoyed the experience. It is hoped that more students will participate next year as it is a fantastic opportunity to race on a closed track circuit without having to be concerned with traffic.

OPEN BOYS TOUCH

Congratulations to the Open Boys Touch Team who played off against Cathedral, William Ross, and Ignatius Park College on August 26 at Queens Park. The highlight of the afternoon was defeating Kirwan 2-1. Well done boys!
CONGRATULATIONS to Pimlico State High School
Team 1

The North Queensland Regional “Senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aspirations Program Student Challenge” (Senior ATSIAP) was held on Thursday, 28 August and Friday, 29 August 2014, at the Salvation Army Centre, 49 -16 Beck Drive, Condon.

Senior ATSIAP is an aspirant-educational program that has a long and unique history of improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Pimlico State High School entered two teams in the Senior ATSIAP Challenge and competed well against other secondary schools from across the district. Team 1 was the Overall Winners, earning a first place in the Oral Persuasive Speech, delivered by Sophee on the Queensland Education Accord, first place in the impromptu Commercial Task and a third place in the Quiz. The winning team’s students were Sophee, Sharni, Lency, Jennifer and Cynente. The Team 2 students were Breanne, Yoshi, Tamika, Janaya and Karlana. I also commend Breanne, in Year 12, for delivering a personal and inspiring speech on her team’s behalf. I congratulate all the students for their hard work, commitment and effort.

I would also like to thank our teachers Ms Morris and Mrs Maynard who showed dedication in helping motivate the students and providing valuable assistance and guidance in the Oral Persuasive Speeches, the Long Term Problem Solving, the Commercial and the Quiz. Well done Pimlico.

HOMEWORK PROGRAM

Just a reminder to all parents and students that our school's Homework Program is available every Thursday afternoon after school. This is a great opportunity for students to have help with assessments, studying for exams or just to have any classroom teachings clarified. The homework program has already been a success with many of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attending. The program is open to all students from our school.

I respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which I live, work and breathe, the Bindal and Wulgurukaba People, and I pay my respects to their elders, both past and present. I also acknowledge the Torres Strait Islander people who are the traditional owners of their land and who share this beautiful land.

If I am able to assist any students and parents, I can be contacted directly on 4759 3435 or via email caldr17@eq.edu.au.

Mrs Caroline Aldridge
Community Education Counsellor
PATHWAYS TO A CAREER

On Wednesday 6 August, a select group of Year 10 students were fortunate to be able to participate in the “Toolkit for Schools” program organised by the Queensland Minerals & Energy Academy (QMEA).

The purpose of this program is to encourage interested students to consider a career in the minerals and energy industries. To ‘open their eyes’ as to what these industries have to offer, students and teachers visited the following premises:-

- **QMEA Trade Training Centre at Kirwan SHS** —
  Pimlico SHS is a member of this school cluster which focus on relevant trades for these industries. Students had the opportunity to discuss the ‘ins & outs’ of apprenticeships/trades with industry employers/employees from around Townsville.

- **Queensland Nickel (QNI)** — one of the largest employers in North Queensland (and you think the Stockland carpark at Christmas is busy). Students were given a presentation about the ‘workings’ of QNI and the opportunities available to young people. They toured the ‘massive’ worksite to identify the variety of trades and the day to day operations/work activities of personnel.

- **TecNQ** — Students toured the facilities where apprentices can be trained for the minerals and energy industries and employers. Students observed the apprentices ‘going through the paces’ of their workshop activities. What excited them most were the ‘real life’ problems that apprentices were working at solving . . . a hot rod for a car show, go kart for the racetrack and a 1x bedroom house.

Throughout the tour, students were encouraged to ask the questions and ‘leave no stone unturned’ to ensure they were well informed regarding these industry areas and could make more informed decisions regarding their career pathways.

Many thanks to Bob Baker, QMEA Project Officer and Townsville industry for this experience.

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**Science Department**

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**NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM**

Congratulations to one of our Grade 11 students, Juliette, who has been selected to attend the 2015 National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January next year.

Juliette is one of only 18 students selected from high schools and colleges throughout North Queensland, Far North Queensland and the Northern Territory and one of only seven students from Townsville.

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**YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY EXCURSION**

Year 12 Chemistry students were involved in an excursion to Ross River on the 14 and 19 August. The students collected water quality data over 2 days which was then used in their assessment for the Term.
So far we have banked over $10,000! WOW! What an awesome effort!!!

On Saturday 23 August, 23 Pimlico teams (over 200 students and staff) joined in with the other 200 enthusiastic and colourful teams at Tony Ireland Stadium for the Cancer Council’s annual fundraiser Relay For Life. This year’s theme was Carnival with many of our teams enjoying the opportunity to dress for the occasion. For 18 hours, our teams walked, danced, ran, entertained, laughed, cried and slept.

Lost For Ideas, one of our very talented Year 12 bands, entertained the crowds on Saturday afternoon. Saturday night saw six of our male students enter the Miss Relay contest. Some very interesting and creative outfits were paraded and more money was raised for cancer research.

The Candlelight Ceremony had all of us stop for a while to remember those who are battling cancer and those who have passed away. A very emotional time. The early hours of Sunday morning became very cold with many of us rugging up and snuggling into sleeping bags counting down the hours until the sun rose and began to warm us up. Daylight and the smell of a cooked breakfast had us moving again. Then began the task of packing up the tents for another year.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated.

Many thanks, too, to the parents and students who helped set up and pack up our many tents. A BIG THANK YOU goes to the many parent/carer supervisors. It is you that makes it possible for so many students to participate!
# CALENDAR OF EVENTS
## TERM 3 — 10 WEEKS

### Week 9
- **8 Sep – 12 Sep**
  - **9/9/14** P & C Meeting

### Week 10
- **15 Sep – 19 Sep**
  - **15/9 – 19/9/14** Reports issued this week
  - **17/9/14** Surf Lifesaving Carnival
  - **18/9/14** Primary School Music Concert

### Holiday
- **22/9/14 – 3/10/14**

## Term 4 – 10 Weeks

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### Did You Know
If your child doesn’t like to carry cash to school for the Canteen, you may obtain a “Load and Go Card” from the Post Office. These cards are not connected to any bank account and can be topped up by Billpay at the Post Office or online through Direct Debit. These cards can be used through the EFTPOS machine to purchase lunches, thus saving the need to carry cash.

Once again, if you would like to help out at the Canteen, even if it’s for 2015, please don’t hesitate to ring Bev on 47593432. We would love to hear from you.

Thanks
Bev Tomkins
Canteen Convenor

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**CAFE STAFF ROSTER**

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